TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 2550 - SB 2609

March 16, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to develop academic standards for a comprehensive firearm education course to be offered as an elective in high school. Requires the course to incorporate history, mathematics, and science related to firearms and firearm safety education as recommended by law enforcement agencies and firearms associations. Such requirement shall apply to the 2019-2020 school year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures -- \$20,500/One-Time

Assumptions:

- In order to develop the necessary standards, the SBE will have to go through the standards review process.
- The SBE will require three standards writers and four reviewers with expertise in history, mathematics, and science related to firearms as well as proficiency in firearm safety for a short period of time sufficient to develop a comprehensive firearm education course. The SBE will have to recruit and enter contracts with these individuals in order to accomplish the provisions of the legislation.
- One of the standards writers and one of the reviewers will come from Middle Tennessee and will not require lodging or per diem.
- Each standards writer will receive a stipend of \$4,000 plus per diem and travel expense reimbursement; each reviewer will receive a stipend of \$1,500 plus per diem and travel expense reimbursement.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for stipends is estimated to be \$18,000 [(\$4,000 x 3) + (\$1,500 x 4)].
- Two standards writers will each receive a total per diem of \$148 (\$59 state rate x (0.75 travel day + 1 full day + 0.75 travel day).
- Three reviewers will each receive a total per diem of \$89 [\$59 state rate x (0.75 travel day + 0.75 travel day] in per diem.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for per diem is estimated to be \$563 $[($148 \times 2) + ($89 \times 3)].$

- Two standards writers and three reviewers will receive a mileage reimbursement of \$123 (262 round trip miles x \$0.47 per mile), where the remaining reviewer and writer from Middle Tennessee will receive \$24 (50 round trip miles x \$.047 per mile) in mileage reimbursement.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for mileage reimbursement is estimated to be \$663 [(\$123 x 5 reviewers and writers) + (\$24 x 2 reviewers and writers)].
- Two standards writers will receive hotel reimbursement of \$322 (\$161 state rate x 2 nights).
- Three reviewers will receive a hotel reimbursement of \$161 (\$161 state rate x 1 night).
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures for overnight accommodations is estimated to be $\$1,127 [(\$322 \times 2) + (\$161 \times 3)]$
- There will be additional one-time incidental costs related to stationary needs and printing of \$175.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures as a result of this legislation is estimated to be \$20,528 per the following table:

Stipends	Per Diem	Mileage	Lodging	Miscellaneous	Total
\$18,000	\$563	\$663	\$1,127	\$175	\$20,528

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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